Schemes for drinking water in urban areas of Gujarat

2985. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of schemes for providing drinking water in urban areas of Gujarat which have been cleared by the Central Government during the last three years;

(b) what amounts hav been allocated and released to the State for implementing the aforesaid schemes during the period; and

(c) the names of the towns and suburbs which are likely to be bene-fited by these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Seven water supply schemes in Gujarat have been cleared under the Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme for towns having population less than 20,000.

(b) The year-wise amounts allocated and released to the State under Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme were:—

Year	Allocation	Release
1993-94	Rs. 65.43 lakh	Rs. 71.08 lakh
1994-95	Rs. 87.24 lakh	Rs. 87.24 lakh

(c) The names of the towns which are likely to be benefitted by these schemes are:—

(1) Dharampur
(2) Bantva
(3) Dhrol
(4) Surajkaradi
(5) Okhaport
(6) Jodia
(7) Mndarda

HUDCO assistance to Karanataka Slum Clearance Board

2986. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total assistance given by HUDCO to Karnataka Slum Clearance Board during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95, for construction of houses for the slum dwellers;

(b) whether the Karnataka Slum Clearance Board has utilised the entire assistance; and

(c) if so, the number of houses constructed for slum dwellers with HUDCO's assistance during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) As reported by the State Government of Karnataka the total assistance given by HUDCO to Karnataka Slum Clearance Board during the last three years is as follows:—

1992-93	Rs. 201.979 lakhs
1993-94	Rs. 494.707 lakhs
1994-95	Rs. 699.47 lakhs

(b) Karnataka Slum Clearance Board has utilized the entire assistance given by HUDCO.

(c) The number of houses reported to have been constructed by the Karnataka Slum Clearance Board during this period is as follows:—

1992-93	1030 units. *
1993-94	2429 units. **
1994-95	2084 units. (under progr ss)

*Additional 192 units under construction. **
Additional 390 units under construction.

Allotment of flats to staff members of organisations

2987. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate of Estaes have allowed various Statutory and Autonomous Bodies of the Government of India to have exclusive Housing Pools of their own and allotted flats to such bodies for their staff members;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, together with the break-up of number of flats of different types allotted to each organisation;

(c) whether it is also a fact that keeping in view the acute shortage of housing, particularly type IV and V, some of these organisations have urged the Directorate of Estates to either allot or construct more of such flats; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No quarter has been placed with any Statutory/Autonomous body for forming their own pool except in case of Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA) for a limited period.

(b) 15 Type V Quarters in Asiad Village have been allotted to IGNCA.

(c) and (d) No such request is under consideration.

Prices of lands/flats

2988. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether real estate prices in metropolitan cities like Bombay. Delhi, Bangalore have skyrocketed after liberalisation and the NRI and corporate sector investments;

(b) whether prices of residential flats have registered a three-fold increase in the last one year and of commercial flats five-fold;

(c) how far this skyrocketing of prices of lands and flats is reconcilable with the New Housing Policy of Government; and

(d) what corrective measures, if any, are being taken/contemplated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) A number of fac-tore are responsible for the rise of prices of real estate; one of them is the reduction in supply of land and rental housing. Increased demand such as that created By NRIs and OCB, can also lead to a rise in prices of real estate.

(c) and (d) The National Housing Policy as approved by Parliament stipulates that appropriate amendments in existing laws and regula-